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SUBJECT: Cuban Trade with Non-bloc Countries, 1958 to 1961,
with Special Reference to Canada

1. The proportion of Cuba's trade with non-bloc countries declined from more than 95 percent in 1958, 1959 and the years previous to about 66 percent in 1960 and less than 25 percent in 1961.

2. Statistics for the first six months of 1961, the most recent complete figures, indicate that the United States is still Cuba's most important free world trading partner. Next in importance among non-bloc countries are the countries of the European Common Market followed by Canada, the United Kingdom, and Japan.

Cuban Free World Trade, First Half of 1961

United States - Cuban exports \$18 million
Cuban imports 13 million

EEC Countries (West Germany, France, Benelux, Italy)
Cuban exports \$ 3.7 million
Cuban imports 21.2 million

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Canada	Cuban exports \$ 4.3 million
	Cuban imports 15.4 million
United Kingdom	Cuban exports \$ 3.2 million
	Cuban imports 11.3 million
Japan	Cuban exports \$ 1.1 million
	Cuban imports 6.9 million

Partial estimates on total 1961 trade indicate that exports from the UK, West Germany, France and Italy were substantially reduced from 1960 totals; Canada and Japan exported larger amounts in 1961. Canadian exports went from \$13.4 million in 1960 to about \$30 million in 1961; Japanese from \$6 million to about \$12 million. Imports from Cuba were less in 1961 than in 1960 for Canada, but more for Japan.

3. The 1961 increase in Canadian exports to Cuba is particularly noticeable in such items as potatoes, flour, purebred cattle, wood pulp, machinery, copper products, telegraph and telephone apparatus, and medicinals.

Canadian Trade with Cuba, 1958 to 1961

1958 -	exports to Cuba	\$18.25 million
	imports from Cuba	19.50 million
1959 -	exports to Cuba	\$13.40 million
	imports from Cuba	12.50 million
1960 -	exports to Cuba	\$13.40 million
	imports from Cuba	7.45 million
1961 -	exports to Cuba	\$15.50 million
(first half)	imports from Cuba	3.00 million

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